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St. Patrick's Day Handicap Races at New Orleans and Oakland—Other Sports.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The features of the cards at the New Orleans and Oakland (Cal.) race tracks yesterday were the St. Patrick's day handicaps. At New Orleans Fervor won, Tommy Burns coming from Memphis for the mount. At the Oakland track the handicapper was won by Senator Bland. The other winners at New Orleans were Percy F. Gold Coin, First Ward, Bob Clappett and John Baker. The Kentucky association spring meeting April 9 to May 3 has been declared off by President Davidson. He gives as his reason that breeders and owners think it inexpedient to conflict with Newport and Memphis.

The Southern Cross golf championship at Aiken, S. C., was won by Herbert C. Leeds, the founder of the Palmetto Golf club and for two years the holder of that trophy, from Foxhall Keene, by a score of 5 up and 4 to play. The features of the game were the phenomenal drives of Leeds and the approach shots of Keene.

The Harvard varsity nine played a five inning practice game with a picked nine from the freshman squad, and both sides scored four runs. The freshmen, however, only made three hits, while the varsity cracked out seven clean ones.

At Lynn, Mass., last night Mike Sears of Lewiston, Me., defeated El Weir, "The Belfast Spider," in the tenth round. At Chicago Jack Everhardt of New Orleans got the decision over Kid McGlenn of Philadelphia after five rounds.

Guy Murchie will have charge of the Harvard football squad for the rest of the season. Eleven additional men came out yesterday.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

A jury has been secured in the trial of Mate Bram for murder at Boston.

The Chinese loan has been granted official quotation by the boerse in Berlin.

St. Patrick's day was celebrated in New York city by an unusually large parade.

A convict at Corning, N. Y., named Alonzo Hibler tried to commit suicide yesterday.

The upper Hudson river, which had risen to an unusual height, fell 15 feet yesterday.

Captain Hankinson Williams, an old New York pilot, died on the tug J. D. Jones at Norfolk.

The steamer Windward, which will carry Lieutenant Peary north on his next expedition, left London for New York today.

A benefit given in London to Nellie Farren, an old time favorite actress, was the most remarkable theatrical performance in the history of the London stage.

Nine Indictments Against Shipperd.

CLEVELAND, March 18.—Nine indictments for embezzlement have been returned against John J. Shipperd by the grand jury. They charge him with having embezzled about \$150,000 from Frank de Haas Robinson, the property concerned being stocks and bonds of the Fort Wayne Street Railway company. Shipperd has been out on bond.

THEY HEAR PROCTOR

Senate Listens to the Account of His Tour of Cuba.

GRAPHIC PICTURE OF DESOLATION.

Depicts the Horrors of Weyler's Reconcentrado Order and Shows How Pacified Cuba Looks—Praise For Lee and Miss Barton.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senator Proctor of Vermont, who returned last Sunday from an extended trip to and through the island of Cuba, yesterday afternoon made a statement to the senate of his observations on the island.

From many points of view the statement was remarkable. It had evidently been most carefully prepared. Every element of sensationalism had been studiously eliminated from it, and except so far as the facts recited were sensational it bore not the slightest evidence of an effort to arouse the public mind, already keenly alive to the condition of affairs on the island.

The scene in the senate just preceding and during the delivery of the speech of Senator Proctor was almost dramatic in the intensity of its interest. The occasion of the address arose very unexpectedly. The national quarantine bill was under discussion, and Senator Mallory (Fla.) had been recognized for a speech in opposition to the pending measure. Mr. Frye entered the chamber and, interrupting Mr. Mallory, requested him to yield to Mr. Proctor, who desired to make a statement concerning his observations in Cuba of interest to the senate and to the country.

Instantly there was a commotion on the floor and in the galleries. It had been announced that Mr. Proctor would soon make a statement, but it was not supposed that he would make it on the floor of the senate. A call of the senate was demanded by Mr. Chandler (N. H.). In a few minutes every senator in the capitol was in his seat, and the word having been passed through the corridors people flocked into the galleries until they were packed.

Senator Proctor began by stating that his trip had been quite unofficial. He then proceeded to extol the work done by Consul General Lee, Consul Brice and Consul Barker in Cuba. From this he passed to the Maine disaster and said that he had never asserted he believed the explosion to be an external one, that on the contrary he had no personal opinion in the matter at all. He urged that judgment be suspended until the report of the court comes to hand.

He rapidly outlined the geographical features of the island, stating that he had only visited the four western provinces, about one-half of the island. In Havana, he said, things were quiet when he was there. Outside Havana, he said, the desolation is terrible. He described the trochas, or trenches, surrounding every town and village and holding in the reconcentrados. The villages, he said, are practically prison yards. There is scarcely a house standing except in those towns and villages. Every man, woman, child and animal is

under guard. "This," added Mr. Proctor, in ringing tones, "is the pacified condition of the island."

He then proceeded to depict the terrible results of Weyler's reconcentrado order and how the guerrillas laid waste the country under this order. The condition of the unfortunates, he said, is awful and indeed unmentionable. A form of dropsy is one result of the way in which the reconcentrados are forced to live. Deaths in the streets are not uncommon.

He vigorously attacked the condition of the hospitals and stated that he saw unfortunates in such a state that it would be ill fitting to photograph and show them, as has been done in other cases. Starvation is rampant within "these Spanish forts, practically prison yards." He said he could not adequately portray the misery he had seen. Of Miss Barton and her assistants he had only words of praise.

While General Blanco's order of Nov. 13 somewhat modified the Weyler decree it caused, he asserted, little or no benefit. In speaking of the Spanish soldiery he said that they are greatly inferior to our own men. Blanco, he had no doubt, was acting in good faith, but is greatly hampered by the dislike of the Spanish army and citizens for autonomy.

He concluded by saying: "But it is not my purpose at this time nor do I consider it my province to suggest any plan. I merely speak of the symptoms as I saw them, but do not undertake to prescribe. Such remedial steps as may be required may safely be left to an American president and the American people."

Senator Stewart gave notice of an amendment he will offer to the naval appropriation bill providing for the construction of 18 coast defense monitors of the type of the Puritan, Monterey and Terror and appropriating \$1,800,000 with which to begin the work.

More Money For Rural Mail Delivery.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—No political questions were discussed in the house yesterday. The whole session was devoted strictly to the postoffice appropriation bill, which was taken up for amendment under the five minute rule. The questions which consumed the major portion of the time related to the allowance for clerk hire at postoffices and to rural free delivery. The house increased the allowance for rural free delivery from \$150,000 to \$200,000 and defeated the proposition for increased clerk hire.

Woman Found Dead In Her Yard.

PATERSON, N. J., March 18.—Mrs. Andrew Irving was found dead in the yard of her home yesterday. She is supposed to have taken laudanum. No reason why Mrs. Irving should have killed herself is known.

Burglars Blow Open a Safe.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 18.—Burglars forced an entrance into the stores of S. M. Wyckoff and Thomas Cooper at Millstone. They blew open the safe in the store of Wyckoff and obtained much booty.

Ireland's ex-Chancellor Dead.

DUBLIN, March 18.—The Right Hon. John Thomas Ball, LL. D., D. C. L., lord chancellor of Ireland from 1875 to 1880, died yesterday in his eighty-third year.

SPAIN WON'T PAY

Semiofficial Announcement That No Indemnity Will Be Paid.

THE DONS WORKED UP.

Declare That Intervention In Cuba May Lead to War.

BERNABE CONSULTS WITH DAY.

New Squadron to Be Formed—Laine, the Newspaper Man, Thinks He Has Found a Weylerite Plot.

News From Havana.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—A semi-official statement given out at Madrid advancing the government view that a demand for indemnity based on Spanish responsibility for the Maine explosion would be indignantly repelled by Spain attracted much interest in official circles. There has been little doubt for some time that Spain was preparing for the contingency of an adverse report by the American court of inquiry and to that end was preparing to anticipate and offset it by making clear the government policy of standing by the representative of the Spanish naval court.

The representative of the latter body is due in Madrid now, and while its conclusions are not officially known it is a foregone conclusion that it will find that the Maine disaster was due to accident resulting in internal explosion. This was foreshadowed in the advance utterances of Captain Peral, head of the Spanish commission, who stated publicly several days ago that the theory of external explosion was untenable.

Along with the semiofficial statement from Madrid that a demand for indemnity will be indignantly repelled is the further statement from reliable sources that Spain has made it clear to the authorities here that intervention may lead to war. The prospects of such intervention appear to be seriously entertained by Spain and strong efforts have been made to avert it by showing that the condition of the reconcentrados did not warrant the step and that it would threaten to end all prospects of further pacific negotiations.

Both governments have been sounding each other on the activity of the other in searching for ships, but there has been little ground for objection on either side, as both have been in the same markets. The administration explains its buying of ships on the ground that Spain's attitude has been so menacing as naturally to call for an augmented navy, while Spain takes the same view that the activity in the United States requires suitable preparations by the Spanish navy. The report that Spain had protested against a filibustering expedition to Puerto Rico cannot be verified, as officials here say the expedition has not yet got away.

The Spanish minister called at the state department yesterday afternoon and remained with Judge Day something over an hour. Both parties to the conference were extremely reserved at its conclusion. It is understood, however, that it developed no new phases, but was a general talk, in which pacific assurances were exchanged and a hopeful view of the situation expressed.

At that time the naval orders taking the battleships Texas and Massachusetts from Key West and assigning them to the fleet at Hampton roads was not known at the state department, so that the minister was not officially informed of the fact. He heard it later, however, and was naturally much gratified, as the gradual strengthening of the American fleet at Key West has been the source of grave apprehension by the Spanish government.

NEW SQUADRON FORMED.

Five Warships to Assemble at Hampton Roads, Two Leaving Key West.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The event of the day in official circles was the issue of an order for the formation of a new squadron of naval vessels to be stationed at Hampton roads. The squadron in the beginning will consist of five ships, all the best of their types. Two of them, the battleships Massachusetts and Texas, are withdrawn from the present north Atlantic fleet at Key West and Tortugas. It would be a grave mistake to suppose that in ordering this movement the navy department is animated by any purpose of yielding to presentations or intimations that may have come from the Spanish minister as to the mischief caused by the gathering of so large a naval force as Admiral Sicard's fleet in the vicinity of Cuba.

On the contrary the formation of the new squadron was brought about by purely strategic considerations, although it appears from the nature of the force so far under orders to rendezvous at Hampton roads that this strategy is of a defensive nature. The new squadron cannot be called a "flying squadron" because the association of heavy battleships with fleet cruisers like the Brooklyn, Columbia and Minneapolis reduces the available speed of the whole to the speed of the slowest vessel, and the squadron could not do much "flying" in the naval sense.

The indications rather are that when reinforced by some smaller cruisers the squadron will constitute an ideal naval defense. For the past two months influences have been at work in the navy department to bring about this change, and as a policy board, headed

by Captain Crowninshield, has been in frequent session of late at the department it is believed that it has indorsed the plan at last.

Although the other ships to be added to the squadron have not yet been definitely selected, it is surmised that they will include some of the other battleships at Key West and the armed cruiser New York, in which case Admiral Sicard, it is believed, will command the new force. In place of the cruiser New York the people of Key West will look upon the grim outlines of the big monitor Puritan, supposedly the most powerful ship in smooth water in the whole world. She will have to assist her on guard the double turreted monitor Miantonomoh and the monitor Amphitrite.

The Puritan is now at Norfolk almost ready for sea, the Miantonomoh is at League Island quite ready, and so is the Amphitrite at Port Royal, S. C. So the order will in the end result in the gathering of the pick of the north Atlantic squadron at Hampton roads. The point is said to be the best strategically on the Atlantic coast. It is almost centrally located, and the ships from that point can reach any portion of the coast in short order, which is regarded as desirable, since no one can tell just where a flotilla of torpedo destroyers or a fast cruiser may turn up with hostile intent to attack a town. Besides, the second best navy yard in the country is there to fall back upon for repairs to the ships, plenty of the best coal is at Newport News, there is easy water to navigate, and finally the forts at Hampton roads may serve as a base of operations in case of need for protection.

WARM IN HAVANA.

Dynamite Plot Feared at Blanco's Banquet—Correspondents May Be Expelled.

HAVANA, via Key West, March 18.—On the occasion of General Blanco's banquet to the officers of the Vizcaya and the Almirante Oquendo and the members of the Autonomist government, with the correspondent of the Madrid Imparcial as the only newspaper guest, the palace was more carefully surrounded by soldiers and police than ever before, even in the time of Weyler. It was very evident that a dynamite plot or something similar was feared.

American correspondents, when seeking the censor, were ushered up stairs into the presence of that functionary between two members of the orden publico. One correspondent protested, saying that the uniforms of his custodians might well be discarded for petticoats.

Small bills in two forms, one signed "A Few Volunteers" and the other "Spanish Commerce," were circulated about the streets inveighing in bitter and even obscene terms against Senator Money and Congressman Cummings, as well as several correspondents, saying in substance that their presence in Havana was an insult to Spain, asking how long it was to be endured and ending with such phrases as "Death to these Americans," throw them into the water." The circulars were probably "fakes."

The question of the expulsion of several American correspondents who are very obnoxious to the authorities is again being considered now that the court of inquiry has left Havana. Clippings from the papers they represent have been inclosed with Spanish translations to the palace officials, accompanied by demands for their instant deportation. It really seems as if now, for the first time, the probability of an open breach with the United States is being seriously considered in Spanish official circles in Cuba. Many place great faith in the published report that Emperor William and the triple alliance will interfere to prevent American intervention in Cuban affairs.

Despite the strong feeling, however, the city is quiet, and thus far there are no authentic accounts of insults offered to Americans here. The Spanish court of inquiry has had nothing to report for the last few days. The Spanish divers have not been working at the wreck of late.

The American yacht Buccaneer, which has been expected here to take the remainder of the congressional party north, is more than 40 hours overdue at the time this dispatch is filed, and there are fears that some accident has befallen her. Messrs. Money, Smith and Cummings decided not to wait longer and left for Key West on the Aransas.

While Havana is ringing with patriotic Spanish enthusiasm over the boasts of national chivalry heard at the banquet in the palace, the news of a horrible Spanish crime has terrorized the Cuban population. A train from Casiguas, Matanzas, brought several Cuban women and children, made prisoners by a Spanish column at El Purgatorio, Matanzas province. The column found about 100 starving women and children there and massacred them. The arrivals, all wounded, are only the few survivors of this terrible act of assassination.

Among the women brought to Havana is Luz Hernandez. She is the most badly wounded, having received a machete blow on the head. Her children, 11 in number, are also wounded. Five women were left by the train in a dying condition at Ceiba Mocha, Havana province. These facts are absolutely true. An official statement is given out to the effect that the women and children were insurgents, an excuse that, even if true, affords no palliation for such barbarity.

Miss Clara Barton has called on General Blanco and energetically protested against a Spanish outrage. The fact is that a large quantity of the relief supplies sent by her to the reconcentrados in the interior has been used by Spanish military commanders, to feed the Spanish troops.

A WEYLERITE PLOT.

Renard F. Laine Thinks That a Letter of Weyler's Led to Maine Disaster.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Honore F. Laine, the newspaper correspondent who was recently expelled from Cuba, furnishes a paper here with a very sensational story regarding a letter Weyler wrote to Santos Guzman in accepting the candidacy of deputy to the cortes for Havana. Laine thinks that this letter suggested to the Weylerites the plot to blow up the Maine. He obtained a copy of the letter. The portions on which he bases his suspicions are as follows:

"By the way, I have read these days that the Americans are pondering about sending one of their warships to that city. During my command in Cuba they did not even dare to dream about it. They knew the terrible punishment that awaited them."

"I had Havana harbor well prepared for such an emergency. I rapidly finished the work that Martinez Campos carelessly abandoned."

"If the insult is made, I hope that there will be a Spanish hand to punish it as terribly as it deserves."

England Would Help Us Against Europe.

LONDON, March 18.—The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial this morning on the growth of the Anglo-American alliance idea, expresses the conviction that it is only a matter of time, but that it would be "the greatest mistake to try to rush the movement." It says: "America does not need more help from us now than at any other time. She is superabundantly capable of meeting any situation that may arise. She will have our friendly sympathy and neutrality in the Cuban question, and at this moment it is difficult for us to offer more. It is quite certain that England would never allow the United States to be crushed by a combination of European powers."

Mrs. Thurston's Body In Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senator Thurston arrived in Washington last night with the body of Mrs. Thurston, who died at Sagua la Grande, Cuba, on Monday last. At the railway station he was met by a congressional committee consisting of the Nebraska delegation and a number of old friends. The body will be forwarded today to Omaha, where the internment will take place. Senator Thurston, accompanied by his son Clarence and a party of friends, among whom will be representatives of the house and senate and probably Assistant Secretary of War Meikeljohn, will accompany the remains.

Naval Court May Go Back to Havana.

KEY WEST, March 18.—There is good authority for the assertion that the naval court of inquiry will probably return to Havana before reaching its conclusions. Greater secrecy than ever is maintained, but it was ascertained by your correspondent that most of the time of the court yesterday was occupied in revising the testimony.

Spain Did Not Get the O'Higgins.

LONDON, March 18.—The Santiago correspondent of The Times says: "The Chilean government authorities me to deny the rumors of the sale of the cruiser O'Higgins. No offer for any Chilean ship will be entertained by the government until the pending international questions between Chile and Peru are definitely arranged."

The Holland Successfully Submerged.

NEW YORK, March 18.—There was a successful trial of the submarine boat Holland in Strait Island sound yesterday afternoon. The boat was submerged and apparently worked to the entire satisfaction of Mr. Holland, who was in charge of her. The vessel was sent only at the rate of about eight miles an hour.

Oregon Ordered to Key West.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The gunboat Helena reports to the navy department that she has sailed from Punalu, Madeira, for Key West to join the squadron. It is now said that it has been definitely determined to bring the battleship Oregon around South America to Key West.

Battery Leaves Fort Riley.

FORT RILEY, Kan., March 18.—Battery F of the Fourth artillery, destined for Fortress Monroe, Va., left here yesterday on a special Union Pacific train. Battery F will go east over the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy to St. Louis, thence via the Big Four and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroads.

War Scare Postpones Exposition.

BUFFALO, March 18.—It was officially announced that at a meeting held in New York the directors decided, in view of the present international question involving possibilities of war, that the time for holding the Pan American exposition should be postponed until 1901.

Orders For Artillery Recruits.

CLEVELAND, March 18.—A telegraphic order has been received at the recruiting office in this city to send all recruits for the artillery direct to Fort Slocum, East river, above Hell Gate, New York, instead of to Columbus barracks, as heretofore.

Will Aulet at Kentucky's Christening.

LANCASTER, Ky., March 18.—Miss Frances Collier of this city, daughter of Adjutant General Collier, has accepted Governor Bradley's appointment as maid of honor at the christening of the battleship Kentucky.

Why Does Bernabe Change His Mind?

MADRID, March 18.—Admiral Bernabe, the minister of marine, has wired the commander of the torpedo flotilla at the Canaries not to proceed to Havana.

It Went Out Again.

Of course neither knew how it happened, but the light suddenly went out. She gave a frightened little cry and struck a match.

"I was afraid you were going to klan me," she said.

"I was," he replied.

Afterward she explained that she never could keep a match lit, any way—Chicago Post.

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ORIGIN OF INDIANS.

Expedition to Find Whence the Red Man Came.

WILL CROSS FROM ALASKA TO ASIA.

Another Party to Set Out From New York to the Wilds of Mexico on Similar Errand—Great Results Expected.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Two expeditions will leave the American Museum of Natural History in a few days to make important explorations among the bones of strange races of men. The first is bound for northwestern North America and later to the opposite Asiatic coasts. It is expected that it will make discoveries which may throw light upon the much discussed problem as to whether the Indians of this continent are the descendants of tribes who found their way across Bering strait. The second expedition, which may leave today or tomorrow, is bound for Mexico.

This question of the settlement of North America has been one of the battlegrounds of science for many years. The schoolbooks used to teach that wanderers from Asia made their way across Bering strait upon the ice and their descendants peopled North America. Some scientists have held this theory, and others have derided it.

More than a year ago Morris K. Jesup offered to send explorers to the neighborhood of Bering strait, both on the American and the Asiatic side, in order that they might study the conditions and see if it were possible that the people on both sides were of common origin. Two expeditions have already gone there. No important discoveries have yet been made, although much interesting material was brought back by the explorers.

This last expedition expects to attain some important results. It consists of Dr. Berthold Laufer and Gerard Fowke. Both have been students of ethnology for years and are well equipped for their work. Dr. Laufer has made a thorough study of the subject.

The Mexican expedition consists of Dr. Carl Lumholtz and Dr. A. Hrdlicka. The scientists will be gone for several months. Their explorations will be made in the territories of the Terremart and the Huichole Indians.

Some New Postmasters.
WASHINGTON, March 18.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed as follows: Pennsylvania—Banksville, Emma H. Hartley; Bushkill Center, Peter Williamson; Hillsview, Lemon B. Matthews; Swarts, Charles Pettit; New Jersey—Ironia, David Stryker; Magnolia, H. B. Wolchun; Mount Pleasant, Orville Halsey; Stirling, Winfield S. Lewis; Stockholm, Edward Kincaid; New York—East Clarence, Albert Wahl; Great Bend, H. H. Clark; Rock City Falls, Jedediah Kilmer; Spencertown, William S. Higgins; Warningsville, Thomas R. Turk.

Bodies of Fire's Victims Recovered.
CHICAGO, March 18.—Three burned and mangled bodies were yesterday taken from the ruins of the burned building on Wabash avenue. This brings the number of known dead to 6, while 14 persons are yet reported as missing. The bodies found were those of Charles A. Price, cashier; Henry R. Nelson, chemist, and Mrs. M. E. Harris, bookkeeper, all employed by the W. A. Olmstead Scientific company.

Register Bruce Dead.
WASHINGTON, March 18.—Blanche K. Bruce, register of the treasury, died here yesterday. Mr. Bruce's death had been expected for several days. He suffered from a complication of stomach troubles which at first appeared not serious, but last week he lost strength steadily, and toward the close of the week it became apparent that his vitality was ebbing rapidly.

Coliseum Ruins Collapse.
CHICAGO, March 18.—The two big columns forming the main support to the entrance of the Coliseum building destroyed not long ago collapsed without warning yesterday. Killing E. R. Baker and fatally injuring John Rice. Several others were slightly injured. All were workmen engaged in clearing up the ruins.

Suspected Work of Revengeful Firebug.
NEWARK, N. J., March 18.—Frederick Griffith, his father, mother and three small children, narrowly escaped death in a fire which destroyed their dwelling. They occupied a large cottage on the McGee estate at New Providence. The fire is thought to have been started by a man who had a grudge against Griffith.

London Has a New Sensation.
LONDON, March 18.—Mrs. Anna M. Druce claims that her son, now in Australia, is the rightful Duke of Portland, her husband's father, she alleges, being no other than the fifth duke of Portland, who was supposed to have died unmarried. The matter is before the consistory court.

Had Pork Did It.
HUNTINGDON, Pa., March 18.—The recent prostration of the entire family of Joseph Demco in Cromwell township, resulting in two deaths and which was attributed to an irritant poison, has been found by the authorities to have been caused by diseased pork.

Dragged a Mile by His Horses.
WESTERLY, R. I., March 18.—William Johnson, a prominent resident of Wyoming, a small place near here, was thrown from a wagon and killed. He was dragged a mile by the team before his predicament was discovered. He was dead when released.

Another Centenarian Dead.
SYRACUSE, March 18.—Mrs. Cyrus H. Kingsley of Lysander, Onondaga county, is dead. She was 100 years old on Dec. 12, 1897. Five of the nine children born to her are living, the eldest being 82 years old and the youngest 60 years.

Singer Pullman Married.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Walter Singer Pullman, a twin son of the late George M. Pullman, has been married here to Miss Louise Lander West of this city.

THE CANAL INVESTIGATION.

Commission of Four Republicans and Three Democrats Appointed.

ALBANY, March 18.—Governor Black has completed his selection of a commission to investigate the expenditure of the \$9,000,000 appropriated for the canals. The commission selected is as follows:

George Clinton (Rep.) of Buffalo, a grandson of the founder of the canal. Smith M. Weed (Dem.) of Plattsburg, a man with great business interests. Darwin R. James (Rep.) of Brooklyn, a prominent member of the Produce Exchange.

Franklin Edson (Dem.), formerly mayor of New York city, engaged in large commercial pursuits.

Frank Brainerd (Rep.) of New York city, president of the Produce Exchange, a financier.

A. Foster Higgins (Dem.) of New York city, chairman of the harbor committee of the New York Chamber of Commerce and a prominent business man.

Mr. McEhron (Rep.) of Glens Falls, a well known and wealthy merchant and lumberman.

Think He Knows About Hutchins' Death.

PROVIDENCE, March 18.—Deputy Sheriff Violi of the state prison has identified James Wolfe, arrested at Pawtucket, as James Wilson, who was released from state prison on Feb. 14. The police believe he knows about the murder of William O. Hutchins, the wealthy jeweler, last week.

A Good, Long Term For Wilson.

BOSTON, March 18.—Fred Wilson, the young man who was caught in the house of Walter J. Bates in Dorchester Feb. 13 and as he escaped fired a shot at Patrick Leahy, has been sentenced to state prison for a term of not more than ten and not less than eight years by Judge Blodgett in the superior court.

British Steamer Sunk at Sea.

MONTEVIDEO, March 18.—The Norwegian steamer Kingswood, from Clivita Vecchia for Buenos Ayres, which has arrived here, reports having been in collision off Flores with the British steamer Coatham from Colastino, which was sunk. The Kingswood is in a badly damaged condition.

Barn Burned; Coachman Missing.

HACKENSACK, N. J., March 18.—Robert B. Taylor's barn in Grand avenue, Englewood, was burned yesterday. Taylor's coachman slept in the barn, and as he has not been seen since the fire it is thought that he was burned to death. The damage will amount to about \$5,000.

Railroad Employees In Trouble.

BOSTON, March 18.—Judge Burke of the municipal court held the 14 employees of the New England railroad who are charged with obtaining money by false pretenses through the raising of the pay rolls for the April grand jury. Bail was fixed at \$500 each.

The Latest From the Klondike.

TACOMA, March 18.—The latest news from the Klondike is that the winter's output of gold is estimated at \$10,000,000. The citizens' committee at Skaguay has put a complete end to "sure thing" gambling games, but permits ordinary games to be played.

Another Veteran Dead.

NEWTON, Mass., March 18.—Arnold B. Holmes, a well known electrical inventor and a resident of this city, is dead. He was 69 years of age and was a native of Loudon county, Va. He was a veteran of the civil war.

ARE NOT A LUXURY.

Well-Made Highways Are Really Among the Necessities.

The road commissioner of New Jersey, Mr. Budd, points out that it costs three cents a bushel to haul wheat on a level road a distance of five miles, and at least nine cents to haul it the same distance on a sandy road, which goes to illustrate the practical economic importance of good roads. This is a point which deserves the serious attention of farmers. Sandy and rough roads are wearing out their horses and vehicles and increasing the actual cost of their farm supplies and of the marketing of their produce. Though little recognized, this is a fact most potent to the careful observer, and most pointedly and truly expressed in Mr. Budd's report. When this fact penetrates the minds of farmers more generally they will begin to realize that money and labor expended on road improvement will save money for them in reducing the actual cost of hauling and in saving vehicles and horses.

It is high time to dispense with the idea that good roads are luxuries, mere fancy frills, and to regard well-made highways as among the necessities. —Easton (Pa.) Free Press.

Periods of Road Building.

In an interesting article on "Ancient and Modern Highways," by C. L. White, in the New England Magazine, the writer divides the history of road-building, as affected by various uses, into three periods: First, during the reign of the Egyptian and Assyrian kings; second, beginning with the rise of Carthage, and continuing through the rise and fall of the Roman empire; third, beginning in France, with the roads "conceived by Napoleon and executed by Tresaguet," then by McAdam and Telford in England, afterwards on the continent, and now in the United States.

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Lady—And you didn't like it, eh?
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Dated January 10th, 1898.

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DRESS GOODS AT An assembly of brilliant values, spring newest and most exclusive Dress REMOVAL P. ICES.

Fabrics worthy of the place of honor in this great removal sale. These goods were bought for March 1st delivery, before we made the deal with Mr. Adams, and should have brought regular prices. They have just been received, all new and fresh, but with removal sale prices on them.

NEW PLAIN and PLAID DRESS GOODS, 15c value, 10c a yard.

ALL WOOL and FANCY MIXTURES. A handsome assortment of new colors. Should have been marked 35c. Removal price 25c a yard.

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50c quantity..... 35c a yard

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PEOPLE WE KNOW.

They Are Middletown People, and What They Say Is of Local Interest.

When an incident like the following occurs right here at home it is bound to carry weight with our readers. When so many strange occurrences go the rounds of the press; are published as facts; when the intelligent reader knows they cannot be true, there is no wonder that people become skeptical. On one subject skepticism is gradually disappearing. This is due to the actual personal experiences of our citizens and their public utterances regarding them. The doubter must doubt no more in the face of such as this. The public statement of a reputable citizen living right at home, one whom you can see every day, leaves no ground for the skeptic to stand on.

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ORANGE CO. SURROGATE'S COURT

Business Done in Orange County Surrogate's Court.

Report of proceedings before Surrogate O. P. Howell ending Mar. 15, 1898: WILLIS ADMITTED.

The wills of the following persons have been admitted to probate: Last will and testament of Mary Hazen, late of Deerpark, John M. Snook, ex'r; of Patrick Salley, late of Deerpark, Mary L. Salley, ex'r; of Mary C. Montanye, late of Monroe, Amy M. Woodhull, ex'r; of Edgar L. Requa, late of Woodbury, Annie M. Requa, ex'r; of Almada Bodine, late of Middletown, Arthur M. Payne and Addie L. Bodine, ex'rs; of Mary Ann Slaughter, late of Wallkill, George W. Ackery and Daniel H. Bailey, ex'rs; of John B. Wood, late of Chester, Elph S. Wood, ex'r; of Julia E. Manning, late of Minisink, Hiram T. Manning, ex'r; of Cornelius J. Sloat, late of Middletown, Annie M. King, ex'r; of James Hunter, late of Warwick, Chas. S. Hunter, ex'r; of Celia M. Showers, late of Chester, George Showers, ex'r; of Mary Elizabeth Neville, late of Middletown, Mary A. Neville, ex'r; of Joseph Greenleaf, late of Blooming Grove, Mary R. Greenleaf, ex'r.

ADMINISTRATION.

Letters of administration have been granted on the following estates: Of Jane M. McKel, late of Minisink, to Robert McKel, widower; of John H. Gray, late of Wallkill, to Nancy M. Gray, widow, and Laura C. Newkirk, daughter; of Annie S. Wilkin, late of Chester, to Samuel Wilkin, widower, and Frederick R. Wilkin, child; of Emily C. Bookstaver, late of Crawford, to George S. Green, friend; of Annie Priest, late of Middletown, to Herbert B. Royce, friend.

GUARDIANSHIP.

The following letters of guardianship have been issued: On the person and property of Julia Tracy and Mabel Tracy to James Lyons, friend, all of Deerpark; of William Tracy, to David Tracy, brother, both of Deerpark; of Edwin Wood, to Vernetta Wood, mother, both Minisink; of Mamie Neville, to Mary A. Neville, friend, both of Middletown; of Elthea Van Steenburgh and Carrie Van Steenburgh, of the town of Montgomery, to Elmer E. Roosa, friend, of Newburgh city.

DECREES.

The following decrees have been entered in the matter of the judicial accounting of Wm. H. Faulkner and Charles G. Hunt, Sr., of Hannah F. Hunt, late of the town of Montgomery, to sell the real estate of said deceased for the payment of her debts and funeral expenses: of George H. Strong and George R. Conklin, ex'rs of Phebe E. Strong, late of the town of Monroe; of Wm. J. Sutton, adm'r of Alexander Sutton late of the city of Middletown; of Charles G. Elliot, ex'r of Marietta Lewis, late of the town of Goshe; of Wells Hulse, adm'r with the will annexed of Mary A. Swezey, late of the town of Wallkill; of Joseph Bake, ex'r of Lavinia A. Turner, late of the town of Monroe; of Emmet McBride and John McBride, adm'rs of Coe McBride, late of Greenville; of Mary C. Sellick, adm'r of Hiram Sellick, late of Middletown; of Nicholas J. Fowler, adm'r of William J. Hartley, late of Montgomery; of William A. C. Toohy, adm'r of John Convery, late of Montgomery; of Catherine A. Bonneyman, ex'r of Sarah C. McPeck, late of Warwick; of Nathan W. Helme, adm'r of Mary R. Holme, late of Blooming Grove; of Andrew Crans, adm'r of William H. Perlee, late of Middletown; of William H. Clark, surviving ex'r John G. Wilkin, late of Middletown.

A Warwick Pastor Resigns.

Rev. W. E. Foote, who for the past six years has been the faithful, successful and popular pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Warwick, tendered his resignation, Sunday evening, to accept a call to the pastorate of a church at Watkins, N. Y. The congregation voted to accept the resignation. Mr. Foote will probably remain at Warwick till June 1st.

Auction Price in Sussex County.

At the auction sale of Chumney Martin, at Hamburg, N. J., Wednesday of last week, everything offered brought very high prices. Eighteen cows averaged \$44 each.

UNIONVILLE.

Mr. Eilenberger's Concert.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.
—One of the finest concerts of the season will be given in the hall at Unionville, next Thursday evening, March 24, by D. D. Eilenberger, of Middletown, assisted by leading talent of that city. This concert will be a musical treat and none should miss it.

BLOOMINGBURGH.

Good Templars' Entertainment.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.
—Good Hope Lodge, No. 130, I. O. G. T., will give an entertainment, consisting of speaking, singing and tableaux at its lodge room on Friday evening, March 18. Admission fifteen cents. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Itchiness of the skin, horrible plague. Most everybody afflicted in one way or another. Only one safe, never failing cure—Doan's Ointment. At any drug store, 50 cents.

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Sufferers from general debility and blood poverty, should use Dr. Bull's Pills, the best blood purifier and cathartic. Get only the genuine, Dr. John W. Bull's Pills, with bull's head trade mark. 25 and 50 cts.

THE SHAMROCK OF '98.

A St. Patrick's Day Remembrance from Ireland Received by a Middletown Man.

Peter Cummings, of this city, received a pleasant memento from Ireland, Thursday, in the form of a bunch of shamrock. The sprigs were prettily and deftly arranged on ribbon on which was printed "98" and "Erin Go Braugh," the whole forming a cross. A letter accompanied the token which stated that it was sent with affectionate remembrance to Irish friends abroad by the Sisters of Charity of Ballaghaderin, County Mayo, Ireland, and followed by these verses:

Go thou across the sea,
Go bring afar with thee
Erin's fond memory.

Shamrock of '98!

Bear o'er the ocean's foam
Where'er her children roam,
Kind thoughts of love and home.

Shamrock of '98!

Plucked from the mossy sod
Childhood and youth have trod
Where dear ones sleep in God.

Shamrock of '98!

Sprinkled with heroes' blood,
Gathered where battles have stood,
Type of the brave and good.

Shamrock of '98!

Fresh through the summer's glow,
Green 'neath the winter's snow—
One hundred years ago.

Shamrock of '98!

Exiles—they sighed for thee,
Orphans—they cried for thee,
True men—they died for thee.

Shamrock of '98!

Go—tell across the main,
Famine and hunger's pain
Smite the old land again.

Shamrock of '98!

Go—for thy country's good
Say, that true love indeed
Shines in the hour of need.

Shamrock of '98!

Tell them with garlands full,
"Blest are the merciful!"
Christ's hands their arms shall curl.

Shamrock of '98!

Say—to their sunny skies
Turn Erin's weeping eyes,
Brother to brother cries.

Shamrock of '98!

Bid them of scanty store
Share with the poorer poor!
Christ's hand shall lead them more.

Shamrock of '98!

Tell—how the widow's mite
Weighs in her Maker's sight
As gold and jewels bright.

Shamrock of '98!

O'er the wave speed thy bark,
Angels thy course shall mark,
Dove from the sinking ark.

Shamrock of '98!

Go—and bring back with thee,
Plucked from Hope's olive-tree,
Kind help and sympathy.

Shamrock of '98!

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings have been annual contributors to these Sisters of Charity and their industrial school, and the token was in recognition of these gifts.

MOUNT HOPE.

Removals—At the Parsonage—Many Personal Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—William Brundage has moved his family from Middletown to the home of the late Mrs. Sarah Swezy.

—Jonas Rifenberg moved from the Swezy house to that owned by Mrs. Emma Skinner.

—Rev. Theron Brittain, of Ridgebury, spent a day last week at the parsonage.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coddington are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Webster, at the Mount Hope hotel.

—Ira Smith, of Port Jervis, spent Monday at the home of his father, Sidney Smith.

—Miss Jennie Ryedyke, who spent a few weeks with friends in Deckertown, returned to her home, Saturday.

—Miss Frankie Van Inwegen, of Port Jervis, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. George Tyrell and was the guest of Violet Seybolt, Monday.

—Samuel Bertholt is spending a few days with friends at Warwick and Lake Station.

WAWAYANDA.

Signs of Spring—Low Prices for Eggs—A Fast One—Few Trees Injured by the Ice Storm.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Signs of spring are seen on every hand. Robins, phebe birds, larks and other spring birds are here, and the voices of the peepers have been heard proclaiming that it is only six weeks to grass big enough for pasturage.

—Housewives will soon have the house-cleaning fever.

—Ten or eleven cents per dozen now does not make hens' eggs taste quite so silvery as was the case two months ago, when the price was twenty-eight cents a dozen.

—Charles Evans, the village blacksmith, drives one of the speediest horses in this section. Charley won't follow behind the forward wagon.

—According to observations about here there were but few trees injured by the recent ice storm which destroyed so many trees in other places. It seems that the town of Wawayanda was well favored, for very few fruit trees were injured.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarella, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarella's—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

A wheelman's tool bag isn't complete without a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Heals cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Monarch over pain.

No-Toxine For Stiff Joints.

Guaranteed to remove heart cure, makes weak muscles strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

HOW IT GOT OUT.

Sara Abby Davis in Springfield Republican.

He told the story first himself—told it to his children. And made him promise he would keep the dumbest kind of mum. For fear some bold reporter, beyond the reach of grace, would use a morsel of the joke to fatten up his "space." Then all the other fellows would laugh aloud and about. No, he wouldn't, for a trip to Mars, have the papers let it out. Now Chumme was a sober lad, but Chumme had a girl. Around whose little finger he was often made to twirl. And when she long they chanced to meet within a quiet nook. The tree of secrets in his heart the maiden gently shook.

And though the tale of which I speak fell softly on her ear, It rolled off like the cannon boom, which all the town can hear.

Of all the many wonders, the great set, I declare, Is the vibratory power which gossip has on air! The dandel said some other girl the story might repeat.

But she, of course, would never do a thing so in discreet; And then she lost but little time in telling it to me.

And mamma lost no time in telling it to pa. And papa told young Harry Jones, and Jones told Betsey Brooks.

And Betsey told her husband's niece, who soon told Reuben Snooks. And Reuben told Miss Kate DeMarr, and Kate told Mrs. Dodge.

Who straightway told her brother Bill, and Bill told Dr. Dodge. Then on and on the story went, nor stayed its fearful run.

So strange, when no one told the tale—except it may be one. But, oh! the size and strength it gained, as hastily it tripped.

From tongue to tongue, through teeth and lips which never snipped or clipped! Distortion having done its work, the people rose in wrath.

And vowed the monster guised as man should no more walk their path. Meantime this man who feared the Press began to feel the chill.

Which comes before a social storm and threatens a yr' ill.

The carcasses gathered overhead and made his cherished name far blacker than though printer's ink had lightly touched the same.

And, knowing that the cloud had grown from just a tiny feck, He felt that something must be done in time to save his neck.

So then, unto the editor he took a lively sprint. And begged of him to put the facts—the simple truth—in print.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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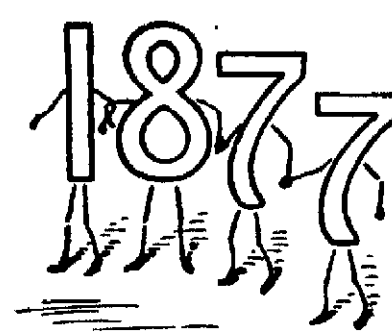
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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—Threatening weather, followed by rain to-night and Saturday; winds becoming easterly.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 40°; 12 m., 44°; 3 p. m., 60°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

- March 18—Basket ball and base ball games at State Armory.
- March 19—"A Guilty Mother," at Casino.
- March 20—Willard memorial services at St. Paul's M. E. Church, at 3 p. m.
- March 22—Entertainment at St. Paul's M. E. Church.
- March 25—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.
- March 25—Umpqua Tribe, Red Men, dance at Odd Fellows' Hall.
- April 11—19th annual ball of Division No. 1 A. O. U. E., at Assembly Rooms.
- April 14—B. A. G. T. Club dance, at Assembly Rooms.
- April 15—John Thomas Concert Co., at Casino.
- April 15—Walkill Engine Company's ball.
- April 19—Ball of Middletown Lodge, B. of R. T., at Assembly Rooms.

If the Amazonas proves to be an unlucky ship several million people will firmly believe that it was because she was hoodooed by being transferred to the United States on Friday.

Senator Lexow thinks that by faithfully doing Platt's bidding in the Senate he has earned the right to promotion and is trying to convince the men who run the Republican machine that he is entitled to the nomination for Attorney General. If he cannot secure that prize he is willing to take the nomination again for Senator in this district for he has no wish to retire from public life.

After waiting two months, Gov. Black named, Thursday, the members of the commission to investigate the expenditure of the \$9,000,000 canal appropriation. The personnel of the commission is above criticism, but the inexcusable delay in its appointment has defeated the very purpose for which it was created, for, in about three weeks, the water will be let in the canals and, this done, there will be no chance to examine the work done and ascertain whether, as charged, the so called "improvement" has been carried on so recklessly as to almost ruin the State's waterways. Investigation of Republican officials never investigate, and the Governor, by waiting for the opening of the canal before naming the investigators, has made this investigation farcical.

WARNING TO BICYCLISTS.

Capt. Veber says the Police Must Enforce the Ordinances for the Protection of Pedestrians.

The police will have to enforce the ordinances in relation to bicycles and the riding thereof. Complaints are quite frequent that bicycle riders are in the habit of scorching on Wickham avenue, between North street and the railroad, and on East Main street, between William street and the railroad crossing; also that many neglect to carry a light in the night time and a bell in the day time, and that they are not careful enough going through North and James streets during the evening when the streets are crowded.

Bicyclists seem to forget that there is a common law that pedestrians have the right of way over all vehicles, and that bicycle riders have no right to ride faster than eight miles an hour and must exercise due care to avoid injuring people who wish to cross the street.

This warning is given to make sure that if any bicyclists get into trouble hereafter they will have no one to blame but themselves. C. C. VENER, Chief of Police.

THE WATER SUPPLY QUESTION.

The vote on the Proposition to Bond for \$175,000 Now Being Taken—Results of Former Votes.

The special election on the proposition to bond for \$175,000 for increased water supply is being held this afternoon. The inspectors of election were James Gavin, Jacob LeFever and C. G. Taylor.

Lewis S. Wisner and Winthrop Clark were the first voters and each cast his vote "for" the proposition. From that time on the balloting has been continuous.

The proposition to increase the supply furnished by Monahan and Highland lakes and the pumps was voted upon first Feb. 12, 1895, and was defeated, there being 312 against and 144 for.

On July 22, 1896, the proposition again met with defeat, 286 to 153.

TO-DAY'S CABINET MEETING.

The President's Policy to Be Announced After the Report on the Maine Mass Been Considered.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Nothing of special importance was developed at to-day's Cabinet meeting beyond the fact that the report of the Maine Court of Inquiry is not expected before the early part of next week.

As has been the case at every Cabinet meeting during the last month and more, the entire session was consumed in discussion of the Cuban situation, and it can be stated on good authority that no plan of action will be definitely decided upon pending the arrival of the report on the Maine investigation.

Every phase of the several questions involved is being carefully and thoughtfully considered, and it is believed that very soon after the report is received the President, possibly in conjunction with Congress, will announce a definite policy. Until then nothing of a decisive character will be done or decided upon.

SHOT BY A WOMAN.

A New York Lawyer Probably Fatally Wounded by a Divorced Woman.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Lafayette R. Beckley, a lawyer, was shot and probably fatally wounded to-day. The shooting took place in Mr. Beckley's office.

Mrs. Arnold, who is about thirty years of age, is a divorced woman and came to this city from Cincinnati nine years ago. She alleges that Beckley, who is a married man and has a family in Brooklyn, has been supporting her ever since she came to this city until recently. Lately Beckley has refused to contribute to her support and this fact she assigns as her reason for shooting him. Mrs. Arnold was arrested.

MALTREATED BY MASKED BURGLARS

An Aged Couple Beaten, Bound and Robbed of \$1,500.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BUFFALO, March 18.—James Hanon and wife, old and respected residents of Ripley, were badly maltreated by three masked burglars, who entered their house about 2 o'clock, this morning. The aged couple put up a stout resistance but were overpowered and pinioned to their bed.

The burglars secured \$1,500 in cash and made their escape. A man has been arrested at Westfield on suspicion.

COURT OF INQUIRY REPORT.

The Full Report Expected by the President Though Further Investigation May Be Ordered.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The President does not expect anything in the nature of a preliminary report from the Maine Court of Inquiry. On the contrary his expectation is that the report, when it comes, will be complete in all respects, although it is within the power of the Secretary of the Navy to order the court to continue its investigation along certain lines should it be believed further information is desirable.

UNDER THE STARS AND STRIPES

The Cruiser Amazonas Formally Transferred to the United States.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

GRAVESEND, March 18.—The cruiser Amazonas was formally transferred from the Brazilian flag to the Stars and Stripes, this morning. The ceremony was simple and dignified and to the Brazilian officers was somewhat pathetic.

THE ITALIAN CRUISER VARESA.

Italian Minister of Marine Confirms Report of Its Sale to Spain.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADRID, March 18.—According to a dispatch received by the *Imparcial* from Rome, the Italian Minister of Marine confirms the reported sale of the armored cruiser Varese to Spain.

SPAIN'S TORPEDO FLOTILLA.

A Spanish Paper's Explanation of Why It Will Remain at the Canarie Islands

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADRID, March 18.—The *Imparcial* says: "The instructions sent to the torpedo flotilla to remain at the Canarie Islands are due to the government's desire that the squadron should be accompanied to Cuba by a cruiser, and for no other reason."

A RUSSIAN SPY.

At Salisbury's Residence in the Guise of a Footman.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BIRMINGHAM, March 18.—The *Gazette* of this city asserts that a Russian spy, in the guise of a footman, has been discovered at Hatfield, Marquise of Salisbury's residence.

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Use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the quickest and most effective remedy for throat or lung troubles, asthma and incipient consumption. 75c.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

The Lehigh and Hudson is preparing to build a new freight house in Warwick.

—Conductor M. Conway is running on the Pine Island branch in the place of Conductor Benrose, who is ill.

—The Matamoras and Milford railroad has contracted with Mr. Yetter, an extensive lumber dealer of Blairstown, N. J., for all the ties necessary for the construction of the road.

—John Day, a conductor on the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad, is in the hospital at Montclair, suffering from internal injuries sustained by being caught between the cars of a freight train, near Pompton, Monday.

—Conductor Harry Hopper is in charge of the Pine Bush train, to-day, in the place of Conductor Smith, who is at Port Jervis arranging for the burial of his son, whose remains have been resting in a vault since his death, which occurred recently.

—The Sidney-Franklin Electric Railroad project, which came to a disastrous end not long since, is to be revived. The control of the road has passed into new hands and it is promised that, on April 1st, the local creditors will be paid \$15,000 and the work prosecuted to a finish.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Stocks, Bonds, Grains and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

	Yesterday	To-day
Sugar	11 1/4	11 3/4
Tobacco	85 1/2	86 1/2
Cotton	90 1/2	91
Nat. Lead	20 1/2	20 3/4
General Electric	31 1/2	32 1/2
U. S. L. pref.	67 1/2	67 3/4
Penn. Coal and Iron	18 1/2	19
A. T. & S. F.	11	11
C. B. & Q.	90	90 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	95 1/2	95 3/4
R. I.	83	83 1/2
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	91 1/2	92 1/2
Erie	—	12 1/2
D. and H.	109	109
O. & W.	14 1/2	—
Sauquoitanna & Western	—	—
Sauquoitanna & West. pref.	—	—
P. & R.	17	17
N. W.	117 1/2	118
L. S.	—	—
N. Y. C.	109 1/2	109 1/2
M. P.	25	25 1/2
Texas	—	—
U. P.	18 1/2	18 1/2
W. Union	96 1/2	96 3/4
L. & N.	48 1/2	49 1/2
Manhattan	101	101 1/2
P. M.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Wabash, pref.	16 1/2	16 1/2
No. Pacific, pref.	90 1/2	91
Metropolitan Traction	140 1/2	140 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	38	38 1/2
Southern, pref.	10 1/2	10 1/2
May West.	29	29 1/2
May East.	25 1/2	25 1/2
May Port.	99 1/2	99 1/2
May Land.	5 1/2	5 1/2
*Ex. Div. 1 1/4 per cent. *Ex. Div. 1 per cent.		

MARRIED.

CONKLIN—HOWELL—At Paterson, Feb. 12th, '98, John A. Conklin, of Orange Farm, and Nellie Howell, of Paterson, N. J.

DIED.

MCCAIN—On Wednesday, March 16, '98, John Curtis McCain, in the eighty-first year of his age.

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1 case real Coutille Corsets, a 50c corset, 39c.

1 case Ferris Waists, ladies' and child's, 25, 50, 75c., \$1.

1 case celebrated Jackson Waists, ladies', \$1.

1 case Bleached Muslin 5c, the 7c quality.

1 bale Brown Sheeting 5c, the 7c quality.

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—Carriage shop to let.
—Potatoes 50c a bushel at J. W. Sloat's.
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—Lace curtains 43c up at Carson & Towler's.
—Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Service.
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—For backache, Donan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—“A Guilty Mother” at the Casino, to-morrow evening.

—A base ball club is to be organized in Docketown.

—There will be no matinee at the Casino, to-morrow afternoon.

—New Jersey has 238 miles of good roads built under the State aid system.

—The Deepark Club, of Port Jervis, has issued invitations for a reception April 11.

—A lodge of Knights of Pythias will be instituted in Newton, N. J., this (Friday) evening.

—The students at the High School are preparing for a public rhetorical exercise next week.

—The Governor has signed the bill prohibiting fishing for black bass at night in Orange Lake.

—The ladies' physical culture class will meet to-morrow, at 10:30 a. m. The children's class will meet at the usual hour.

—Remember James H. Wallick will present his “A Guilty Mother” at the Casino, to-morrow evening. Prices as usual.

—Charles S. Miles, an employe of the O. and W., will launch *The Ontario Express*, a four page paper devoted to railroad men, next week.

—A number of dogs have been poisoned recently in the Germantown section of Port Jervis. A resident of the neighborhood is suspected.

—Charles S. Sloat lost a badge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Thursday night, which may be left at this office or returned to him.

—Paterson's Common Council has directed the sale of \$50,000 school bonds, with the proceeds of which it is proposed to erect two new school buildings.

—After the fittings of the Frank Tompkins house had been sold, Thursday, the house was sold to Charles Kirby for \$36. The total amount realized was \$165.

—The Warwick Valley Light and Power Co. has been asked to run a wire to Greenwood Lake to supply the hotels and cottages there with electric lights. Chester also wants a wire run to that village.

PERSONAL.

—Dr. C. W. Roberts returned to Scranton, to-day.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brady returned to Middletown after remaining at home a few days.—*Ellenville Press*.

—The Misses Porter left this city, to-day, for Mt. Vernon where they will open a school at 230 Third avenue.

—Mrs. H. V. Elsworth, of Middletown, is spending a few weeks with her father, M. R. Dodge.—*Rockland Review*.

—E. L. Tompkins, of Fishkill, who has been visiting his brothers, Edward D. and Frank O. Tompkins, returned home, to-day.

—Misses Annie McMullen, Annie Wilklow and Ella Grosch have been visiting friends in Middletown, this week.—*Ellenville Journal*.

—Hon. O. B. Wheeler, of Middletown, was in town a short time, Thursday, looking after his business interests.—*Port Jervis Union*.

—Mrs. Wm. Morton, of Middletown, spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McGee, of this town.—*Docketown Independent*.

—The president of St. Lawrence University, of Canton, N. Y., Rev. John Clarence Lee, will assist the pastor in the services of Christ Church next Sunday. Dr. Lee will preach the sermon morning and evening.

—Supervisor John E. Iseman received, to-day, a letter from his son, George, which was written in Rome, where he arrived in time to see the Pope's jubilee. Mr. Iseman is now in Venice, and his father cabled him there, this morning, the one word “Well,” which, with the address, cost \$2.80. Mr. Iseman will sail for home about April 1st.

A Farm at Foreclosure Sale.

John L. Wiggins, referee, in the case of the Middletown Savings Bank against Charles J. Clements and others, sold a farm near Howell's Depot, in the town of Walkkill and Mount Hope, to-day, at foreclosure sale at the Holding House to Mrs. Annie M. Hunt, for \$4,711. The farm contains 115½ acres. Vanamee & Vail, plaintiff's attorney.

Reinstated in the Railway Service.

T. A. Lyon of Port Jervis, who has been until recently in the Government printing office, has been reinstated to a position in the Railway Mail Service. He was in that service before going into the Government printing house.

Painful the Poles Themselves.

Some of the merchants on Main street, near Franklin Square, having grown weary of waiting for the electric light company to paint its poles, are now doing the work themselves.

All pain relieved by Dr. Miles' Pain Expeller.

THE COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN.

“Prof.” Jester arranged to contribute to the support of his family and Peace Now League.—The Complaint Thought to Be a Counter Move in the Elmira Telegram suit.

“Prof.” Jester was surprised, Thursday afternoon, when Officer Tyrell walked up behind him at Franklin Square, and said:

“You go down to the office; they want to see you.”

But he walked right where he had been directed, while Officer Tyrell followed a short distance behind. On arriving in court the “Professor” learned that his wife, Minnie Jester and a cute little daughter of about eight years of age, were in town and wanted to be supported. They had come apiron New York on the 11:25 train, and having made her complaint at headquarters, Mrs. Jester and the child were taken to Roe's hotel, on James street, until he could be apprehended.

The “Professor” wanted his lawyer, W. F. O'Neill, summoned, and when the latter came the family went with him into the Council rooms where their differences and difficulties of the past and the prospects of the future were discussed. Finally the “Professor” agreed to pay her four dollars a week, and she agreed to withdraw the complaint. They then appeared before the Recorder, and she announced her determination, and the prisoner was discharged.

The “Professor” took his wife and daughter to Roe's Hotel, and later took them to the Russell House, where the mother and daughter remained. To-day they left for their home in New York city.

It was thought in police court, Thursday afternoon, that the Elmira Telegram, which was recently sued for \$25,000 for libel by the “Professor,” knew something about Mrs. Jester's visit here.

BILLY ALLISON'S MASQUERADE.

A Good Attendance and a Lively Time at the Casino, Thursday Night.

Billy Allison Davis' masquerade ball at the Casino, Thursday night, drew a large crowd of spectators and crowds of dancers to fill the floor comfortably. Billy received his friends at the main entrance and as the crowd grew his smile widened.

The boxes and logs were occupied by past and present members of the Bachelor Social Club, who thoroughly enjoyed the scene on the floor. The grand march started at 9 o'clock, under the management of a capable darkey, whose voice strongly resembled that of Frank J. Curran. It was a difficult crowd to manage, showing conclusively that many were making their first appearance in a masquerade's grand march.

One costume which attracted attention was worn by a woman of fine figure and was a complete copy of the nurses' outfit at the State Hospital.

The costumes of the masqueraders were, as a whole, more original and more interesting than those usually worn at masked balls in this city and the effect when the floor was filled with dancers was very pleasing. Miss Gumaer's orchestra furnished music for dancing.

Dancing was kept up with spirit until a late hour and there is but one opinion heard, to-day,—that Billy Allison's masquerade was a great success. And it couldn't have been anything else for it was given under George Lea's supervision.

BRINGS SUIT FOR \$2,000.

Jacob Blakeley Wants That Amount from Malcolm Forbes.

Jacob Blakeley, through his attorney, John Wilkin, has brought suit against Malcolm Forbes for \$2,000 for injuries alleged to have resulted from an assault. The suit is brought in the Supreme Court, and will come up in April.

Will Arrange for a Fresh Air Home.

A meeting of the directors of the Middletown-Goshen Convalescent Home will be held, Tuesday night, to arrange for a home for the fresh air children, Mrs. Hallock, of Horton avenue, having made other arrangements regarding her house for this season it will be necessary to secure a new place for the entertainment of the children.

Attending a Funeral in Paterson.

W. H. Tator, assistant city clerk, went to Paterson, to-day, to attend the funeral of Miss Dell Cortelyou, who was a sister to his wife. She died, Wednesday, after six months' illness. Mrs. Tator, who has been ill for nearly two years, was unable to attend the funeral to-day.

Coroner Decker Has Returned.

Coroner Decker has returned from Havana. He has evidently been benefited by his sea trip and states that he enjoyed the voyage immensely. He met Ensign Powelson and Consul General Fitzhugh Lee while in Cuba.

Bills Introduced by Mr. Goodell.

Mr. Goodell introduced, Thursday, a bill for the improvement of the highways of Orange county, and one reappropriating the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the State armory at Newburgh.

In the Social World.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Weller entertained a party of friends at their home on North street, Thursday night.

Spring humors, boils, pimples, eruptions, sores, may be completely cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

No rubbing or greasing. Dr. Hays' Pain Expeller. Cures All Pains. “One cure is worth two.”

ELECTRIC ROAD'S NEW MANAGERS.

Looking Bold as if They Meant Business.—Wm. West Wears White Collar.—New Ties and Poles Ordered.—Want to Extend the Line to Goshen.

The new managers of the Traction Company have inaugurated reforms at once. Noticed were posted, Thursday, that the employees would continue to be under Supt. Urban's authority. All conductors and motormen were notified to appear for duty, to-day, wearing white shirts and collars. Orders were also given for new ties and poles, for after a ride over the line, Thursday morning, the new managers discovered that one cause for slow time was a weakened roadbed in places.

It is understood that the repainting of the cars is virtually settled, and that the color is to be Turcan red or the same as that used upon O. and W. cars.

The Argus' Goshen correspondent writes that the new managers paid their respects to President Hook, of that village, Thursday morning, and incidentally sought his aid in the extending of the line to the Erie depot and that he was inclined to favor it.

It is also whispered that a considerable number of passes have already been cut off and that a cleaner sweep is to be made.

All correspondence with the company should be addressed to its New York office, No. 32 Nassau street, where the consolidated offices of the capitalists interested in the company are located.

Members of the company who have been here returned home, Thursday night, and will probably return the first of the week.

Mr. Rock is still here and will remain for the present.

A NEW TRACK AT GOSHEN.

To Be Built for E. H. Harriman on the Moore and Hook Property.

From our Goshen Correspondent.

Yesterday, Victor K. Mills, civil engineer, completed a survey for a new trotting course on the property of Messrs. Moore and Hook, adjoining the back stretch at the Goshen Driving Park. The track will be used when completed as a jogging and speeding course by the trainers. It will be built for E. H. Harriman. The new track will be triangular as to shape and 286 feet shorter than a half mile. The curves, being sharply made, will not permit racing all the way around, but there will be two stretches with forty long for the speeding of one-eighth miles. Its width will probably be twenty feet. The work of grading and filling in will be begun directly, and the track will be ready for use at the opening of this year's racing season.

A BOY'S EXPERIMENT.

Could Put His Foot Between Planking and Rail, but couldn't Get It Out.

A ten-year-old lad tried to see if his foot would go in between the east rail of the O. and W. and the planking at the East Main street crossing, Thursday night. It went in all right, but he couldn't coax it out. As a result Flagman Dailey worked with it and succeeded in releasing it just before the Pine Bush train arrived, and a very badly frightened boy walked home very rapidly.

An Address by Dr. Talcott.

The Argus is indebted to Dr. S. H. Talcott for a copy of his address on “Hahnemann and His Relations to Psychological Medicine,” delivered at Cleveland, Nov. 15, 1897, before members of the Homeopathic medical profession, which has just been reprinted from the *American Homeopathist*. The address is supplemented with carefully compiled tables showing that the Middletown State Hospital and similar institutions in other States in which the Homeopathic treatment is employed have a lower death rate and a higher percentage of recoveries than old school hospitals and asylums.

Stock Company May Lease the Ramsdell Track at Newburgh.

An effort is being made in Newburgh to form a stock company to lease and manage the Ramsdell race track in that city. The executors of the estate offer to lease the track for five years for \$1 to a company that will spend \$5,000 in finishing the track and erecting stands, stables and other necessary buildings. A renewal of the lease will be given for five years at \$1,500 a year.

Leads the Consolidated Exchange in a Prize Contest.

Wm. H. McQuoid is evidently a popular man in Wall street. In the voting for the most popular broker now going on in the *Morning Telegraph* for a prize of a house and lot, Mr. McQuoid has 826 votes, leading all other members of the Consolidated Exchange. Other well known men in the competition are Henry G. Weil, Alfred de Cordova, G. B. Schley, S. V. White and Spencer Trask.

“Pinkie” Quinn Has Pneumonia.

“Pinkie” Quinn, who was found seriously ill in a Fulton street barn, and removed to the care of H. A. Knapp, has now developed pneumonia and is in a precarious condition.

Salt Rheum, Tetter, Eczema.

These distressing skin diseases relieved by one application. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is a potent cure for all eruptions of the skin. Jas. Gaston, Wilkes-Barre, says: “For nine years I was distressed with Tetter on my hands. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cured it.” 85 cents. Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

The M. E. Church's supper a success.—Ira Myerson Coming Home—a Little Chinese War.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The supper at the M. E. Church, last night, attracted many. It was every bit as successful as such affairs have always been, which is saying a whole lot.

—Ira Myerson is somewhere on the ocean en route to his home in this village where he is expected next week, according to a cable-gram received, yesterday, and sent just prior to his departure.

—There was a little Chinese war in Chin Sam's laundry, last night. The two celestials who manage the business had a falling out and settled their differences after the style of Kilkenny cats. After it was all over one Chinaman went forth into the night and the other, sitting alone amid the piled up ruins, disconsolately wept, much to the edification and enjoyment of the numerous small boys who had witnessed the affair.

—Hon. Louis Bedell was in town, yesterday.

AGAINST THE TOWN.

Jury in the Defective Bridge Case Renders a \$25 Verdict Against the Town of Crawford.

The suit to recover for injuries to a horse alleged to have been caused by a defective bridge, which Charles E. Terwilliger brought against the town of Crawford, tried before Justice Eager and a jury at Montgomery, Thursday, was long drawn out and fought vigorously by both sides, and was not completed until 1:30 this morning. There were seventeen witnesses for the defence and nineteen for the prosecution, all well known and respected residents of the town, and they swore exactly contrary to each other, showing, as Supervisor Roberson states, who was present, that their most be a mistake somewhere in the matter.

The jury was out until 3:30, and then brought in a verdict for \$25. The plaintiff had sued for \$195.

The town will carry the case to the higher court.

A CHURCH'S ANNUAL MEETING.

Reports Received and Officers Elected at the Second Presbyterian Church.

At the annual meeting of the Second Presbyterian Church, Wednesday night, reports were received from the Trustees, Session, Junior Endeavor Society, Endeavor Society, Boys' Mission Band, Soldiers of the King, King's Daughters and the Woman's Missionary Society.

During the year about \$3,500 was raised for church purposes and \$1,600 for benevolent and missionary purposes.

Abner B. Hurtin and Stephen A. Smith were re-elected trustees.

The ushers elected were Jacob B. Crosby, W. D. Olney, I. D. Osterhout and Abner B. Hurtin.

The collectors appointed were J. B. Crosby, DeWitt S. Horton, W. A. Hurtin and John D. Powers.

Capt. Veber Home Again.

Capt. Veber who took the Baker boy to the Rochester Industrial School, returned Thursday night, bringing with him a copy of the penal ordinances of that city, the gift of Assistant Corporation Counsel Edward R. Foreman. He also stopped at Oswego, and procured from the Chief of Police a copy of the police manual, governing the department.

A Good Samaritan Indeed.

A. J. Quick, in front of a horse residence in Port Jervis George Gray, of Binghamton, collapsed, Wednesday morning, from starvation and exhaustion, cared for the unfortunate young man until yesterday, and then, nothing having been heard from the young man's father, paid his fare to Binghamton.

Of Interest to National Guardsmen.

One of the important changes in the bill for the reorganization of the National Guard is the section which changes from twenty to ten days, the time for which a guardsman may be confined for refusal to pay arrearages of dues.

Raised a Cuban Flag.

Walton school boys raised a Cuban flag on the school flag staff a few days ago. The Board of Education promptly confiscated the banner.

Never Worry.

Take them and go about your business.—They do their work whilst you are doing yours. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are system renovators, blood purifier and builders; every gland and tissue in the whole anatomy is benefited and stimulated in the use of them. 40 doses in a vial, 10 cents. Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

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HALF-SIZE BOTTLES, 50c.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



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Permanently cured by the masterly power of South American Nerve Tonic. Invalids need no longer because this great remedy can cure them all. It is a cure for the whole world of stomach weakness and indigestion. The cure begins with the first dose. The relief it brings is marvellous and surprising. It makes no failure; never disappoints. No matter how long you have suffered, your cure is certain under the use of this great health-giving force. Pleasant and always safe. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggists Middletown, N. Y.

De Witt's Kidney and Bladder Salve

GEO. B. ADAMS & CO.

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS.

Our prices must draw the public. Our time is short. You must come at once to get the benefit of these low prices for Saturday and Monday.

Kid Gloves—\$1 Biarritz Kid Gloves at 50c a pair. 89c Suede 8 button Mens Kids at 50c a pair. One lot odd size Kid Gloves at 25c a pair. 75c Kid Gloves at 50c a pair. \$1 Foster Hook or Button Kids at 75c a pair, \$1.25 do at 97c a pair. \$1.50 Suede 8-button Mens Kids at \$1 a pair. 12, 16 and 20 button Suede Kids in the opera shades at cost.

Corsets—Buy your Corsets Saturday or Monday—One lot \$1 25 Corsets, in large sizes, at 25c each. One lot Young Ladies' \$1 Corsets at 25c each. All 50c Corsets at 35c each. All 75c Corsets at 50c each. All \$1 Corsets at 75c each. All \$1 25 Corsets at \$1 each. All \$1 50 Corsets at \$1 25 each. The Ferris Corset Waist is included in this reduction.

One lot Children's Hose at 30c a pair. One lot of Ladies' 45c Black Cashmere Hose at 30c a pair. One lot of Wool Braids at 1½ a yard. Window Shades—The 25c Oiled Shades, complete, at 17c each. Cotton Bats—The 8c Cotton Bats at 5c. The 15c Cotton Bats at 10c each. Slate colored Sheet Wadding at 1c a sheet. White Sheet Wadding at 2c a sheet.

Silks and Dress Goods at same prices as advertised Thursday. Special—Lining Cambrics in the opera shades at 2c a yard, Saturday only.

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Piso's Cure For Consumption

Como, Wis., Jan. 10, 1898.

I would not be without PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION for anything. For a bad Cough or Cold it is beyond all others.

Mrs C. REYNOLDS.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

Best Cough Syrup. Cures Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Asthma, Hay Fever, Eczema, Scabies, Ringworm, etc.

Hyannis, Nebr., Jan. 2, 1898.

I regard PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION as the best Cough medicine on the market, having used it for 15 years.

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"The Best Cough Medicine."

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These include some of the best of the novelties.

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BARGAINS IN SHOES!

I have placed on my counters some shoes at \$1 a pair to close out the lines. They are all fine goods, some of them are hand turned shoes that formerly sold for four dollars and fifty cents a pair. We haven't all the sizes—they are mostly 2½, 3 and 3½ in size. Any lady wearing these sizes in A or B width can get a good bargain at the one price shoe store of

J. G. HARDING, 25 West Main Street.

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Cottage of seven rooms, bath, hot and cold water, situated on Academy avenue, nicely located and very desirable.
Cottage 6 rooms, on Lake avenue.
Five very pleasant rooms on First Street, No. 44 East avenue.
Five nice rooms, first floor, No. 7 Wickham street.
Four rooms, first floor, and bath, on Woodlawn avenue.
Six rooms, first floor, Railroad street.
Part of house on North street, very desirable.
Farm of 20 acres, near Howells, 50 per month.
Large house, corner West Main and Henry streets. Good place for boarders.

E. E. CONKLING.

PLANT SUGAR MAPLES.

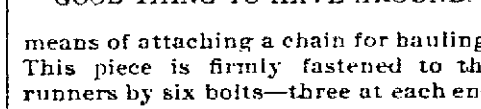
Every Farmer Can Grow His Own Supply of Sugar.

Should we plant maple groves? There can hardly be two opinions on this subject. The best sugar industry is a problem, but the maple sugar industry was a problem. It pays better than three-fourths of our farm work. A eight cents a pound maple sugar, ready market, while much of the other product sells at ten and twelve cents. The sirup is sold by producers directly to consumers at one dollar a gallon—very rarely at less than 50 cents. Throughout New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other states this direct sale to consumers takes up a large part of the product, excepting only two or three counties of northern New York. But it is not just now as a market product that the subject should be mainly considered. Every family is a sugar consumer and a sugar buyer. Most farmers can make the larger part of this sugar supply as easily as they can raise their own potatoes. A family of six or seven will consume from one to two barrels of sugar in a year. Granulated sugar will cost such a family from \$15 to \$30 a year. A grove of 50 trees will produce from 200 to 250 pounds of maple sugar. That is, where the trees stand in the open. The product is less where the sugar is made from trees in the forest. This is equivalent to at least half the family's requirements for sugar. But the sales of sirup will make an aggregate value per tree even higher. A grove of 50 trees standing in the open will occupy not more than a quarter of an acre. Besides the sugar product, the grove is advantageous for shade, also for an enormous product of humus each fall, and for windbreaks and shelter, and as an equalizer of temperature and moisture. Maple trees should grow in a grove. They do not thrive well as street trees, where they are subject to much abuse of the saw and exposure of the trunk to hot sunshine. A grove might well be given place on every farm of 20 acres. Why shall there not be a general planting of maple groves during the spring of 1898?—N. Y. Tribune.

HANDY FARM APPLIANCE.

A Device That Serves Every Purpose of the Stone Boat.

Several years ago the writer felt the need of something lighter and smaller than an ordinary stone boat for conveying light articles around the farm. The result of some study was the device shown in the illustration, which the hired man says is "about the handiest thing on the farm." It is, in fact, a sort of cross between a stone boat and a bob sled. The length over all is five feet, the width 2½ feet. The runners are of hard maple, five feet long, ten inches wide, and two inches thick, the forward end rising 3½ inches. The hardpiece is also of hard maple plank, 30 inches long, two inches thick and one foot wide. An oval hole three inches from the front edge affords a



GOOD THING TO HAVE AROUND.

means of attaching a chain for hauling. This piece is firmly fastened to the runners by six bolts—three at each end—of which the heads are countersunk in the lower sides of the runners. The floor is made of white ash boards, inch thick and 30 inches long, nailed crosswise, flush with the outer edge of the runners. This is surmounted on either side by a hickory rail two inches thick and three inches wide, extending the entire length flush with the outside. These rails are secured in place by four inch lag screws. Made thus of selected materials, and firmly put together, it has been in use, summer and winter, for five years, and is still nearly as good as new, save for the natural wear on the runners.

For conveying plows, cultivators, other implements, seeds, etc., hauling barrels of spraying mixture, removing boulders, and other light short hauls around the farm, it has become almost indispensable. On a small farm it serves about every purpose of the old fashioned stone boat, and is of much lighter draught.

How to Fight Black Rot.

Black rot has been causing serious loss among the cabbage growers, and the department of agriculture has been investigating the disease, which, it is said, may be spread by the seed, manure and insects, especially slugs. Late-planted cabbage are less liable to damage than those planted early. The germ develops best in very hot weather, while cool weather seems to check it. Rotation is advised as a means of prevention. The bulletin observes that the planting of other crops for a long series of years seems to be the only satisfactory way of getting rid of the disease when it has once become serious. Fields that have shown even a little of the disease should not be planted to cabbages or other cruciferous plants for several years.—Agricultural Epitomist.

Not a Good Thing to Do.

We do not approve of tying trees to stakes, though this is often recommended and often done. The bark is apt to be rubbed and injured in spite of watchfulness. Much better is it to reduce the size of the head so the tree will stand without aid. Nor would we hill up around a tree to brace it, because often, when the ground is soft in the winter, the swaying of the trees opens the earth about the stem, which is filled with water, and this, later, freezes and kills the bark and damages the tree.—Rural World.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown stations, beginning Nov. 18, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains started with "run daily" trains Nov. 18, 1897, and run daily except Sunday. All other trains start on Sunday, Nov. 18, 1897, and run only for passengers to Birmingham or Westchester—this modification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters: "S" for "Scranton," "W" for "Westchester," "B" for "Birmingham," "G" for "Greenville," "H" for "Hartford," "J" for "Jersey City," "K" for "Knoxville," "L" for "Lancaster," "M" for "Middletown," "N" for "Newburgh," "O" for "Oriskany," "P" for "Pittsburgh," "Q" for "Quebec," "R" for "Rochester," "S" for "Scranton," "T" for "Trenton," "U" for "Union," "V" for "Vestal," "W" for "Westchester," "X" for "Xenia," "Y" for "York," "Z" for "Zanesville."

GOING EAST.

Station	Time	Station	Time
New York	7:40 a.m.	Middletown	10:10 a.m.
Scranton	8:10 a.m.	Westchester	10:40 a.m.
Birmingham	8:40 a.m.	Greenville	11:10 a.m.
Hartford	9:10 a.m.	Hartford	11:40 a.m.
Jersey City	9:40 a.m.	Knoxville	12:10 p.m.
Knoxville	10:10 a.m.	Lancaster	12:40 p.m.
Lancaster	10:40 a.m.	Middletown	1:10 p.m.
Middletown	11:10 a.m.	Newburgh	1:40 p.m.
Newburgh	11:40 a.m.	Oriskany	2:10 p.m.
Oriskany	12:10 p.m.	Pittsburgh	2:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh	12:40 p.m.	Quebec	3:10 p.m.
Quebec	1:10 p.m.	Rochester	3:40 p.m.
Rochester	1:40 p.m.	Trenton	4:10 p.m.
Trenton	2:10 p.m.	Union	4:40 p.m.
Union	2:40 p.m.	Vestal	5:10 p.m.
Vestal	3:10 p.m.	Westchester	5:40 p.m.
Westchester	3:40 p.m.	Xenia	6:10 p.m.
Xenia	4:10 p.m.	York	6:40 p.m.
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Rochester	10:10 a.m.	Hartford	12:40 p.m.
Trenton	10:40 a.m.	Knoxville	1:10 p.m.
Union	11:10 a.m.	Lancaster	1:40 p.m.
Vestal	11:40 a.m.	Middletown	2:10 p.m.
Westchester	12:10 p.m.	Newburgh	2:40 p.m.
Xenia	12:40 p.m.	Oriskany	3:10 p.m.
York	1:10 p.m.	Pittsburgh	3:40 p.m.
Zanesville	1:40 p.m.	Quebec	4:10 p.m.
		Rochester	4:40 p.m.
		Trenton	5:10 p.m.
		Union	5:40 p.m.
		Vestal	6:10 p.m.
		Westchester	6:40 p.m.
		Xenia	7:10 p.m.
		York	7:40 p.m.
		Zanesville	8:10 p.m.

Crawford Branch.

Station	Time	Station	Time
New York	7:40 a.m.	Middletown	10:10 a.m.
Scranton	8:10 a.m.	Westchester	10:40 a.m.
Birmingham	8:40 a.m.	Greenville	11:10 a.m.
Hartford	9:10 a.m.	Hartford	11:40 a.m.
Jersey City	9:40 a.m.	Knoxville	12:10 p.m.
Knoxville	10:10 a.m.	Lancaster	12:40 p.m.
Lancaster	10:40 a.m.	Middletown	1:10 p.m.
Middletown	11:10 a.m.	Newburgh	1:40 p.m.
Newburgh	11:40 a.m.	Oriskany	2:10 p.m.
Oriskany	12:10 p.m.	Pittsburgh	2:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh	12:40 p.m.	Quebec	3:10 p.m.
Quebec	1:10 p.m.	Rochester	3:40 p.m.
Rochester	1:40 p.m.	Trenton	4:10 p.m.
Trenton	2:10 p.m.	Union	4:40 p.m.
Union	2:40 p.m.	Vestal	5:10 p.m.
Vestal	3:10 p.m.	Westchester	5:40 p.m.
Westchester	3:40 p.m.	Xenia	6:10 p.m.
Xenia	4:10 p.m.	York	6:40 p.m.
York	4:40 p.m.	Zanesville	7:10 p.m.
Zanesville	5:10 p.m.		

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in the city:

- 14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
- 15—North street and Low avenue, hat shop.
- 16—North St. and W. R. R. type shop.
- 17—Broadway and Montgomery street.
- 18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
- 19—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
- 20—West Main street and Walkhill avenue.
- 21—North street and Wickham avenue.
- 22—James and Henry streets.
- 23—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
- 24—Lake avenue and West street.
- 25—Fairview avenue and corner Monaghan avenue.
- 26—State Hospital Gate.
- 27—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
- 28—Rear of State Hospital.
- 29—Fairview avenue and hat shop.
- 30—High and Sanford streets.
- 31—Canal street, condenser.
- 32—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
- 33—Fairview avenue and Montgomery street.
- 34—Fulton street and East avenue.
- 35—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
- 36—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
- 37—East Main street and West street.
- 38—Academy avenue and Gensing street.
- 39—Myrtle and Prospect avenues.
- 40—Grant street and Sprague avenue.
- 41—East Main street and West street.
- 42—North street, near Orchard.
- 43—Franklin Square.
- 44—Rung before a box number, denotes that a strike denotes driver's broken.
- 45—2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
- 46—3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
- 47—4 strokes of bell denotes ready, fire is on.

For Over Fifty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Sooty Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child, suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth, at once get and use "Winslow's Sooty Syrup" for Children's Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhoea, Colic, Wind, Stomach and Bowel Complaints, Cough, Croup, Sore Throat, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Influenza, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Sooty Syrup" for children's teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Beware and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Sooty Syrup." d.w.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mytic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. A druggist, 50c or 1.00. Cures guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Purcell of Knittersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy. W. D. Olney.

Weakness easily cured by Dr. Miles' Nerve Plasters.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that allow neglected colds. W. D. Olney.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Little Family Doctor.

Endorse Your Bowels With Castoria. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. No. 25c. If C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the salt, the base and DeWitt's Little Early Riser, the best being the famous Little Pills for stomach and liver troubles. W. D. Olney.

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NEW YORK & WESTERN RAILROAD

Time Table in Effect Dec. 12th, 1897.

NORTHERN ROUTE.

NORTH BOUND.									
STATIONS.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	NOV	ON							
	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
N. Y. Leave	7:40	8:10	8:40	9:10	9:40	10:10	10:40	11:10	11:40
Franklin St	7:41	8:11	8:41	9:11	9:41	10:11	10:41	11:11	11:41
W. 42d St	7:42	8:12	8:42	9:12	9:42	10:12	10:42	11:12	11:42
Weehawken	7:43	8:13	8:43	9:13	9:43	10:13	10:43	11:13	11:43
Cornwall	7:44	8:14	8:44	9:14	9:44	10:14	10:44	11:14	11:44
1st Ave	7:45	8:15	8:45	9:15	9:45	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45
Orr's Mills	7:46	8:16	8:46	9:16	9:46	10:16	10:46	11:16	11:46
Little Brton	7:47	8:17	8:47	9:17	9:47	10:17	10:47	11:17	11:47
Burnside	7:48	8:18	8:48	9:18	9:48	10:18	10:48	11:18	11:48
Warburg	7:49	8:19	8:49	9:19	9:49	10:19	10:49	11:19	11:49
Stony Ford	7:50	8:20	8:50	9:20	9:50	10:20	10:50	11:20	11:50
M'town	7:51	8:21	8:51	9:21	9:51	10:21	10:51	11:21	11:51
Main St	7:52	8:22	8:52	9:22	9:52	10:22	10:52	11:22	11:52
M'town	7:53	8:23	8:53	9:23	9:53	10:23	10:53	11:23	11:53
Winterton	7:54	8:24	8:54	9:24	9:54	10:24	10:54	11:24	11:54
Bloom'g Mt	7:55	8:25	8:55	9:25	9:55	10:25	10:55	11:25	11:55
Warburg	7:56	8:26	8:56	9:26	9:56	10:26	10:56	11:26	11:56
Sunderville	7:57	8:27	8:57	9:27	9:57	10:27	10:57	11:27	11:57
Ellen's View	7:58	8:28	8:58	9:28	9:58	10:28	10:58	11:28	11:58
Fallsburg	7:59	8:29	8:59	9:29	9:59	10:29	10:59	11:29	11:59
Burleyville	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
Ferrisdale	8:01	8:31	9:01	9:31	10:01	10:31	11:01	11:31	12:01
Liberty	8:02	8:32	9:02	9:32	10:02	10:32	11:02	11:32	12:02
Parksville	8:03	8:33	9:03	9:33	10:03	10:33	11:03	11:33	12:03
Lebanon, Mo	8:04	8:34	9:04	9:34	10:04	10:34	11:04	11:34	12:04
Rockland	8:05	8:35	9:05	9:35	10:05	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05
Cadostia	8:06	8:36	9:06	9:36	10:06	10:36	11:06	11:36	12:06
Walton	8:07	8:37	9:07	9:37	10:07	10:37	11:07	11:37	12:07
Waverly	8:08	8:38	9:08	9:38	10:08	10:38	11:08	11:38	12:08
Sidney	8:09	8:39	9:09	9:39	10:09	10:39	11:09	11:39	12:09
N'wich	8:10	8:40	9:10	9:40	10:10	10:40	11:10	11:40	12:10
Cassville	8:11	8:41	9:11	9:41	10:11	10:41	11:11	11:41	12:11
Onida	8:12	8:42	9:12	9:42	10:12	10:42	11:12	11:42	12:12
Pulton	8:13	8:43	9:13	9:43	10:13	10:43	11:13	11:43	12:13
Owego	8:14	8:44	9:14	9:44	10:14	10:44	11:14	11:44	12:14

HUDSON RIVER SHAD.

Three Varieties of the Fish Caught by the Fishermen.
From the Newburgh Register.

The season for catching shad in Newburgh Bay is regarded as lasting about six weeks, although the take is liable to be small toward the end of that period. Three runs of fish, each possessing distinguishing characteristics, go to make up the season's catch. The last run is composed of the shad known to fishermen as the "yellow back," while one of the preceding runs comprises the "blue back" variety. The fish known as the "Soft Green" shad, partaking of the nature of both shad and herring, are only put on the market at the end of the season; the fishermen not taking them at other times. They are said to be the product of artificial experiments at propagation. The nets used of late years in shad fishing are made of the finest linen twine, number sixty, and are so frail that they seldom continue in good condition more than one season. The finer the net, the greater the quantity of the fish caught therein while it is in use, for the fish are unable to see it in the water, and they swim into it unwittingly.

NOT VERY WELL ATTENDED.

St. Patrick's Social Club Had, However, a Pleasant Time at Its Dance.

The dance at the Assembly Rooms, Thursday night, was not crowded. The usual crowd of dancers were distributed between this and the other on the same night and this one suffered most. The affair was very nicely managed, however, and was worthy of a larger attendance.

The committees were:

Arrangements—F. C. Schindler, John Cohalan, W. F. Schindler.
Floor—John Cohalan, manager; aides, Thomas Shaine, Charles Clark, Edward Nutley and Jacob Sherin.
Barnes' orchestra furnished the music.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY'S RECEPTION

A Pleasant and Well Managed Affair at Nearing Hall.

The reception given by St. Joseph's I. C. B. U. to the members and others who assisted in the success of the recent fair, drew about 200 people to Nearing Hall, Thursday night. Refreshments were served to all by 9 o'clock, and then dancing commenced and was continued until 12 o'clock. The music was by Wein-gartner's orchestra.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of T. Frank Cullinan, John Walsh, August Heineman, Charles Doer and John Carey.

RECEIVING STATION AT GOSHEN

Anglo-Swiss Company Will Receive Milk in Goshen and ship it Here by Trolley Cars.

The agency of Gardner & McWilliams has sold a tract of land, containing about two acres, lying between Spring street and the Erie Railroad in the village of Goshen, for Messrs. Reeves, Everett & Hulise, to the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company, which will erect a receiving station there. The milk received there will be transferred by trolley cars to the Middletown condenser for the present.

C. J. SLOAT HASN'T SPOKEN.

Mr. Huyler states that Miss King had no word from the spirit land.

John J. Huyler states to the Argus that we were in error in saying that Miss Anna King had had a communication from the spirit of C. J. Sloat through any mediumship in his abode on Benton avenue.

In the course of further conversation Mr. Huyler intimated that at No. 10 Benton avenue they did not keep spooks on tap for the whole town.

It Was a Mistake.

The report that a young married woman of this city had eloped with a married man proves to have been an error, though the information came from two supposed reliable sources. The young man in question, who has had an unhappy life for the few months of his married existence, has quietly enlisted in the navy.

A Sussex County Farmer's Sudden Death.

Wm. G. Van Ness, a well known and highly respected farmer of near Hainesville, N. J., was found dead in bed, Thursday morning. He spoke to his wife when she rose to prepare breakfast, but when she called him an hour later death had claimed him. He was sixty-eight years old.

Death of a Veteran.

Elias C. Clayton, who served during the war in a Connecticut regiment, died at his home, near Rockland, Sunday evening, after a brief illness, aged seventy-three years. He was a son of Dr. Clayton, of Bethel, and was one of a family of sixteen children. He was a member of Morgans Post, G. A. R.

Change of Price for Milk.

The Milk Exchange met, this week, and voted a change in the price of milk from Wednesday, March 16. The price drops from 2 1/2 to 2 1/4 cents a quart. This is the price in this, the 26 cent freight zone.

Business Change at Pine Bush.

Mr. McKinney of the firm of Armstrong & McKinney, of Pine Bush, has purchased the extensive hardware business of the late James H. Wallace from the executors of his estate.

MANY FEMALE ILLS RESULT FROM NEGLECT.

Mrs. Pinkham Tells How Ordinary Tasks May Produce Displacements That Threaten Women's Health.

Apparently trifling incidents in women's daily life frequently produce displacements of the womb. A slip on the stairs, lifting during menstruation, standing at a counter, running a sewing machine, or attending to the most ordinary tasks, may result in displacement, and a train of serious evils is started. The first indication of such trouble should be the signal for quick action. Don't let the condition become chronic through neglect or a mistaken idea that you can overcome it by exercise or leaving it alone.

More than a million women have regained health by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. If the slightest trouble appears which you do not understand, write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for her advice, and a few timely words from her will show you the right thing to do. This advice costs you nothing, but it may mean life or happiness or both.

Mrs. Mary Bennett, 314 Annie St., Bay City, Mich., writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I can hardly find words with which to thank you for the good your remedies have done me. For nearly four years I suffered with weakness of the generative organs, continual backache, headache, sideache, and all the pains that accompany female weakness. A friend told my husband about your Vegetable Compound and he brought me home two bottles. After taking these I felt much better, but thought that I would write to you in regard to my case, and you do not know how thankful I am to you for your advice and for the benefit I have received from the use of your medicine. I write this letter for the good of my suffering sisters."

The above letter from Mrs. Bennett is the history of many women who have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Ask Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—A Woman best Understands a Woman's Ills

SHE WAS THERE.

The White Dove Perched Conspicuously on Her Left Shoulder, Just as She Said It Would.

A certain young man who does business on West Main street, received a letter in a feminine hand, a day or two ago, in which the writer stated that she was very anxious to make his acquaintance. She said she had tried all of woman's wiles unsuccessfully, and she now made a final stab. She would be at the masquerade ball, St. Patrick's night, and she must meet him—life or death depended upon it. She would wear upon her left shoulder a dove, and it would watch with her for the approach of one deeply loved.

The young man read the letter, remarked to himself "this is a jolly," but concluded to go to the ball. He occupied a small space in the balcony during the dance, and his heart throbbled while his brow frowned as he saw a masked dream on the floor below, wearing conspicuously on her left shoulder, a Bat-chelder-prepared pigeon.

When the unmasking came it was found to his astonishment that the owner of the dove was his wife's sister, and that his wife was also among the dancers, and in the scheme.

Entertained the Port Jervis Pri-cilla Company.

From the Port Jervis Gazette.

Mrs. Geo. St. John entertained the members of the Pri-cilla Opera Co. at her home on East Main street, Wednesday evening. All were very eager to produce the opera at Monticello next week, Friday.

The Population of Middletown.

Is about 15,000 and we would say at least one-half are troubled with some affection of the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggists and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Price 25 and 50c. Trial size free. Sold by all druggists.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about one-fourth as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

Henry Ward Beecher said.

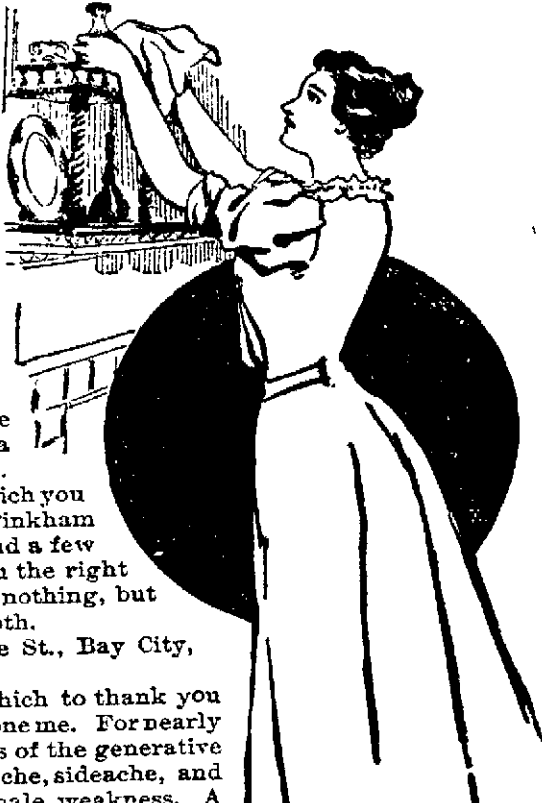
"It is a sin to neglect your health." Why do you do it? when you know that the seven remedies of the famous Blue B. of the Jee Hing Yook Series will cure you or your money will be refunded. No. 1 cures Rheumatism; No. 2 cures La-Grippe; No. 3 cures a Cough or Cold; No. 4 cures Catarrh; No. 5 is a wonderful Tonic; No. 6 cures Impotence; No. 7 is the Child's n's Relief Soothing Syrup, and so cheap. Call for sample free. 1,000 references. John J. Chambers, druggist Sole agent for Middletown, N. Y. 57 North St.

No Cripe

When you take Hood's Pills. The big, old-fashioned, sugar-coated pills, which tear you all to pieces, are not in it with Hood's. Easy to take

Hood's Pills

and easy to operate, is true of Hood's Pills, which are up to date in every respect. Safe, certain and sure. All druggists. 2c. C. E. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. "The only Pills to take with Hood's Balm."



AT THE ARMORY RANGE.

only seven Men in the Third Section Qualified.

Sergeant Conkings third section occupied the armory range, Thursday evening. Twenty-three men shot, but only seven qualified, as follows:

Corp. Decker.....	100	200	300
Private Gould.....	17	20	16
" Gray.....	17	22	20
" Fiero.....	18	15	16
" Tannery.....	18	17	19
" Dickerson.....	18	16	16
" C. Constable.....	15	18	18

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c if C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

Two Houses, of six rooms each, for rent. 89-91
Enquire of HUGHES BROS.

CARRIAGE Shop to let. Best stand in Middletown. 89-91
100-102 FANCHER.

Wanted for general housework. 81 Highland Avenue.

FOR SALE—Two fine blooded colts, three and four years old, broke to harness, sound and kind. Call on or address
89-91
J. B. HALSEY, Westtown, N. Y.

TO LET—House, 13 rooms, 133 North st. et; also va and lot for business purposes. Enquire of BULL & YOUNG BLOOD. 97-99

Two furnished rooms to let, including bath and all modern conveniences, two minutes from depot. Telephone in the house. Terms moderate. Enquire 37 Broad street. 97-99

FOR RENT—Five rooms on upper floor, 13 Sprague avenue. Enquire 37 Broad street. 97-99

TO LET House on Boyce avenue, 10 rooms and barn, suitable for two families, city water. Enquire of
81-83
T. A. MARCH, 74 East 4th Ave.

The Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOBVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monmouth avenue. 7-13-15-17-19

FOR RENT—First class apartment, 7 rooms, bath, hot and cold water, heated through radiators. Enquire 69 East avenue or 100 North street. 97-99

FINE Large store in best suburban part of town, on East Main street. Any business a sure success. Rent trifling. See
THOMAS WATTS, 15 East Main street. 65-11-13

FOR RENT from April 1st to the 1st of May, 44 East Main street, second floor; also the flat directly over the store, consisting of six rooms, bath and closet. J. E. ISEMAN. 88-90

FOR RENT—Elegant Cottage, all modern improvements, hot and cold water, bath, electric range, etc., fine garden, best location, within two minutes' walk to depot. Rent \$15. 94-96 Enquire of CHAS. KEENE, 37 Broad St.

TO RENT—Eight-room house, modern improvements, heated with hot air and range. The finest location in the city. 91-93 Enquire at 110 Wickham avenue.

UNTIL the end of March, '98, I shall do shoe repairing at the following prices: Men's shoes from the uppers, ladies' 25 up, children's 20c up. I make a specialty of rubber soles. CRAIG, the Shoemaker, 39 W. Main street.

FOR RENT—The two front offices and one in the rear of them, on the second floor in the Wilcox Building, adjoining the post office. It is seldom you can get so central, well lighted and arranged offices as these. H. R. WILCOX. 24-26

FOR RENT—Parishall cottage, six rooms, Richmond Heights, Monmouth avenue; also Carter cottage, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 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